

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Russell and Berlien Bacon exchanged their wedding vows on August 26, 1925, at Redfield, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Russell and Berlien gave life and love to three sons who presented them with 8 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 5 great, great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Russell and Berlien lived and farmed in Spink County for 69 years in the Northville, South Dakota, area; and,

Whereas, In 1994, Russell and Berlien moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota, where they lived in an apartment for 7 years, and have been residents of the Manor Care Nursing Home since 2001; and,

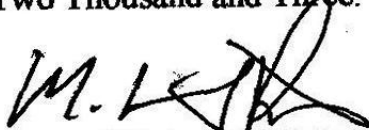
Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 78 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2003, as

RUSSELL & BERLIEN BACON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

